

Senate Resolution 16 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
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1 3 NOBLE, PUTNEY, GASKILL, BEHN, LUNDBY,
1 4 JOHNSON, McKIBBEN, ANGELO, HAHN,
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1 6 MULDER, WARD, and HOUSER
1 7 A Resolution designating May 1 as Iowa Right to Work Day.
1 8 WHEREAS, the federal Taft-Hartley Act of 1947
1 9 established the rights of states to enact
1 10 right-to-work laws for workers in their states and
1 11 freedom to choose to prohibit labor shop agreements
1 12 within their borders; and
1 13 WHEREAS, right-to-work laws guarantee that a person
1 14 cannot be compelled, as a condition of employment, to
1 15 join or not to join a labor union, or to pay dues to a
1 16 labor union; and
1 17 WHEREAS, Iowa's Fifty-second General Assembly
1 18 enshrined Iowa as a right-to-work state; and
1 19 WHEREAS, Iowa's right-to-work law became effective
1 20 on May 1, 1947, and has remained in full force and
1 21 effect since that day, giving Iowa workers freedom of
1 22 choice in the workplace; and
1 23 WHEREAS, for nearly 60 years, this freedom has
1 24 guaranteed the rights of Iowa workers, along with
1 25 their fellow workers in over 20 other states, the
1 26 power to support or refuse to support a union in their
1 27 workplace, according to their own personal beliefs;
1 28 and
1 29 WHEREAS, many studies have shown that states whose
1 30 workers benefit from the protections of the
2 1 right-to-work law have higher growth and wage rates;
2 2 and
2 3 WHEREAS, economic professionals throughout the
2 4 world have concluded that right-to-work laws promote
2 5 economic development and growth of new and existing
2 6 businesses; NOW THEREFORE,
2 7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That May 1 be
2 8 designated "Iowa Right to Work Day", and
2 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate encourages
2 10 the workers of Iowa to recognize and celebrate the
2 11 importance of this day to ensure individual choice in
2 12 employment for all workers.
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